

IT'S SHEER NONSENSE.

NEW YORK'S QUARANTINE SYSTEM.

So Says Dr. McGuire—He Tells How One Takes a Bath in Sweden, Aided by a Woman.

Dr. Hurter McGuire arrived in Richmond yesterday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock, after a two months' vacation, which he spent in the various countries of Europe. I called on Dr. McGuire last evening and found him looking unusually well. When I asked him to tell the readers of The Times some of his experiences during his trip abroad he very kindly consented and made in substance the following statement:

"On my arrival in New York from Europe I was detained in quarantine for five hours.

"This measure is simply a farce as it is carried out in New York. There is very little fear in Great Britain as to the cholera, while I found in New York almost a panic, which seems to be very difficult to overcome.

"Soon after we left Queenstown one of our cooks died from heart disease, and on that account we were kept in quarantine for a few hours. Our baggage was disinfected, but the process was very simple, the outside of the trunks being washed with a weak solution of carbolic acid and water.

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"Five hours time was deemed sufficient to see whether outbreaks of cholera could be developed. Of course such a procedure is sheer nonsense. Each passenger then received a certificate, which was a mere matter of form, without any possible good effect. My certificate reads as follows:

Immigration Station, Ellis Island, Port of New York, Sept. 28, 1892.

I hereby certify that Dr. McGuire, a native of the United States, an American citizen, landed this day from steamship Tarentine, free from infection, clearing from Liverpool September 22, 1892, and arriving at the port of New York September 28, 1892, has been under observation by the quarantine officials for half a day, a sufficient time, in their opinion, to determine if he has not the germ of cholera or small-pox in his person or effects, and that his effects have been subjected by them to such disinfection as they deem sufficient. See above-named passenger is en route for Richmond, Va.

W. A. WHEELER, Surgeon U. S. Marine Hospital Service.

"The sanitary precautions taken in Great Britain are almost perfect, although that country is exposed to the cholera germs fifty times as much as the United States, on account of the large number of vessels which land there from the various parts of the continent. The sanitary protection is so complete that cholera cases cannot be found except here and there, where they have been imported, and the grand trial of sanitation has not caused the slightest scare.

"Although Paris has had cholera ever since April the authorities have been able to keep the disease in control, and only a few deaths occurred there daily. Of course cholera is not catching like many other diseases, because it can only be contracted by drinking and eating it.

NORWAY AND SWEDEN.

"I found the people of Norway and Sweden very gentle and kind, but very primitive in their ways. We stopped at a railroad station for a meal, and entered a large room, in the centre of which we found a big table and upon it spread out the different articles of food. We were not waited on, but helped ourselves to what we wanted. We could drink wine or beer with our meal, and when we left we had to pay for our food and drink. They simply took our word for what we had consumed.

"In Sweden when you ask for a bath you are admitted to the establishment and when you are ready to bathe a woman comes into the room to wash your back. They think that if you as a woman's duty take care of you as if you were a child.

"She rolls up her sleeves and takes hold of a brush, which she dips into a basin of soap suds and starts to work on you with a hissing sound, like a hostler in this country grooming the horses.

"You may be sitting on the edge of the tub, wondering if the water will be too warm for you to bathe in, but at her appearance you dive into the water without further considering its temperature, and she at once begins a literal scrubbing. You may protest as much as you like, but she tells you that you don't want like that you are married and a respectable gentleman and competent to bathe yourself. It does not matter. She replies in a peculiar language, which you don't understand, turns you over like a child and scrubs every portion of your body before she lets you go.

AS TO RUSSIAN JEWS.

"I am sorry to see that I offended Rabbi Calisch in the latter part of my article. The Times which in Europe, wherein I stated that the cholera had been imported in the countries of Europe by Russian Jews. I referred to them as transferring their disease to a greater extent than any other race, because they are now persecuted in the most unmerciful manner by Russia, and I thought that these people brought the disease to Hamburg, not because they were Jews, but because they were human beings coming from an infected country. The atrocity of Russia towards the Jews has, I hope, excited the indignation of the whole civilized world.

"I have been thinking with me Dr. George Foy, of Dublin, who wished to pay a visit to Virginia. The Doctor is very much interested in our people and this State, and, indeed, in the whole South. He is one of the most prominent surgeons of Great Britain, highly educated, and a very clever gentleman. He is a Fellow of the Royal Academy of Medicine of Ireland, surgeon to the Withworth Hospital, Drumcondra; author of 'Science and Civilization,' 'Medicine During the Commonwealth.' Dr. Foy will spend several weeks with me, and then return to Ireland, his engagements compelling him to be home by October 25th.

"Major Ginter and his party left London for Paris on September 20th. He expects to sail in the Majestic for the United States on October 5th. They were all in good health when I left them."

I asked Dr. McGuire if he had met Professor Verheyden, the Doctor replied that he had stopped only for two days in Berlin, and that the cholera scare drove him away. He had intended to visit Karlsruhe, but returned at once to Great Britain. Dr. McGuire stated that Professor Verheyden was the greatest living physician in Germany.

CHAIRMAN GORDON.

He Would Like to Talk to a Times Reporter But Promised Another Paper Not To.

State Senator Basil B. Gordon, chairman of the Democratic State Committee, arrived in this city yesterday afternoon to confer with some of the leaders of the Democratic party. He stopped at the Exchange Hotel, as usual, but did not register, in order to be saved from obnoxious or undesirable visitors. When I called on the hotel in the early part of the evening he was engaged, and had left instructions to meet only those who had been invited to meet him should be sent up to his room.

I called again later on, and was admitted. I found Senator Gordon in conversation with Senator Fairfax, of Loudoun county, and several other friends. As soon as I had stated my desire to obtain, if possible, a short interview on the political situation, he said he had promised a representative of another morning paper not to grant any more interviews. During the general conversation which followed, I learned sufficiently, however, to become convinced that the Senator

is confident of success at the coming election.

He stated that some good work was being done all over the State, and that a great interest is manifested by all the Democratic leaders who have come out with a will to educate the masses.

Senator Gordon will remain in the city several days longer.

PERSONAL AND GENERAL.

Interesting Facts About Richmond's Citizens and Other Matters.

Mr. J. B. Valden, of New Kent, is visiting friends in this city.

Miss Katie D. Johnson, of East Fulton, is visiting friends in Hanover.

Miss Kate Anthony, who has been visiting the Misses Hicks, has returned to Staunton.

Mrs. W. E. Mitchell has returned from a visit to relatives in New Jersey and Pennsylvania.

Mr. William E. Burgess, now at work at Newport News, has been on a visit to friends and relatives.

Miss Minnie Warrnack, of Prince George county, is visiting her sister at 1210 east Marshall street.

Miss Louise Schutte left Richmond yesterday for Philadelphia, where she will spend some weeks.

Miss Dora McCaw, of Middlethorpe, is visiting her sister, Miss Bettie McCaw, at the Male Orphan Asylum.

Revival meetings are being conducted nightly at Denny-street Methodist church by Rev. W. A. Langdon, the pastor.

Mr. E. W. Timberlake has been on a visit to Rev. Beattie Cude, Mr. Timberlake is a prominent lawyer of Louisville, N. C.

Mrs. R. P. Kerr, wife of Rev. Dr. Kerr, leaves today for Nashville, Tenn., where she will visit relatives for several weeks.

Mrs. William B. Farrell, Willie Farrell and Miss Fannie Farrell, will return from Hampton, Old Point and Virginia Beach.

Miss Maggie Johnson, of Fulton, has just returned home after a delightful trip to her uncle, Mr. S. H. Johnson, of Ashland Park.

Mr. N. Bowditch Clapp has returned from his vacation spent in Boston, and will resume his duties as organist at Dr. Kerr's church next Sunday.

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A REMARKABLE WOMAN.

Miss Knapp Has Been Horse Reporter, Novelist and Country Editor.

In these days, when so many vocations are open to women, it is such a common thing to see them engaged in active life as lawyers, doctors, real estate or insurance agents that it excites neither comment nor surprise. Still, a woman whose business is horse and cattle reporting, and who, moreover, is a fine judge of the former animal, is a decided novelty.

Yet it is in this particular field that Miss Adeline E. Knapp has won considerable distinction for herself. She is on the staff of the San Francisco Call, and under the nom de plume of Miss Russell contributes every Sunday an article on the subject of horses or cattle. These articles, especially those on riding and driving, have attracted a great deal of attention and have been widely copied.

She has for years read and studied more or less about horses, and is a good horsewoman and skillful driver.

By the ranchmen of California she is acknowledged to be well versed in these subjects, and they have a great respect for her opinion. From time to time she has visited and written about the various cattle ranches in the state, and this summer spent her ten days' vacation in the saddle, climbing hills, fording streams and frequently sleeping in the open air. When on such excursions Miss Knapp uses a small English racing saddle and rides astride, as she finds such a saddle and such a position much less fatiguing than those ordinarily adopted by women. Her dress on these occasions consists of a blouse waist, riding trousers and a long skirt which falls in full folds each side of the saddle and just covers the feet.

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NORFOLK DISPOSES OF VAGRANTS.

The City Authorities Hire Out the Worthless Negroes to Captains of Oyster Vessels—The Republican Imbroglio.

Norfolk, Va., Sept. 29.—Special.—Captain John J. Gibbs died at the residence of his son-in-law, Charles A. Benne, in Atlantic City, last night; aged sixty-five years. Mr. Gibbs was a prominent citizen, and has been confined to his bed for several months.

A valuable trotting horse owned by Mr. C. Billups tracked dead on Captain John L. Roper's track, in Princess Anne county, yesterday afternoon. The horse was worth about \$1,000.

This morning six captains of oyster boats arrived here for hands. By order of the mayor they took from the city jail fifty able vagrants, who were hired to them at \$10 per month for a period of three months. The mayor requested them to notify the oyster men of the city that there could not possibly be a hundred more for hire on Saturday. The police are industriously picking up all persons without a visible means of support, and the city is fast being rid of a very undesirable population.

The secretary of the Chamber of Commerce reports that the receipts of peanuts at Norfolk for the year ending August 31, 1892, were 304,328 bags. A Judge Portlock has appointed L. W. Lambert and C. L. Houghton oyster commissioners for Norfolk county.

It is stated to-day that all of the bosses at the navy-yard will be summoned before a board of naval officers, and charged with having discriminated against Republicans. They also charge that certain workmen and bosses are using their influence against Mr. Rowden in the congressional contest. It is proposed to canvass the men and find out, as near as possible, how each man votes, so that the Secretary of the Navy may know exactly how many Republicans and how many Democrats are employed at the yard. This will be rather a difficult job, as some of the men will refuse to answer the question. It is believed that every possible pressure will be exerted to control the vote of the one thousand or more workers at the yard. This action has been looked for for some time, and the Democrats are not at all astonished.

Public Schools—Tossed by a Bull.

Dover, N. H., Sept. 29.—Special.—The trustees of the public schools of the (Dover) district held a meeting several days ago to appoint teachers for the ensuing term, which will begin soon. The meeting has been criticised for partiality shown in the case of a competent lady teacher, who lives in the country, who was refused a school, while non-residents of the county were given teachers' positions.

Mrs. Johnson, living near Standard depot, died very suddenly on yesterday. Mr. Samuel Imboden, a highly respected citizen, living near the Standard, had a very narrow escape from serious injury a few days ago. Going into the stable yard at night with a lighted lamp, he was attacked by a vicious bull which had gotten away from his place of confinement. Mr. Imboden was tossed a considerable distance in the air, but fortunately escaped with slight bruises and pains.

The weather being favorable, the farmers are pushing ahead with great vigor. There is great complaint of the chills, especially near the James river.

The fourth quarterly meeting for the Goodland circuit will be conducted by Rev. Dr. A. G. Brown at Andrews chapel in this place, the 15th and 16th of October.

Jewish Synagogue—Offer of Hymn Books.

Petersburg, Va., Sept. 29.—Special.—The board of trustees of the Jewish synagogue will meet to-morrow. It is likely that they will extend a call to Rev. Ziegelmeyer, of Chicago, who has been conducting the services recently at the synagogue.

One of the members of the Grand Army of the Republic, who was here a day or two, attended services at Oak Grove church, in Dinwiddie county. Just before the services were over he made a short address, in which he stated that he was a member of the church, and that he had been a member of the church for many years. He then said when he returned home he should send the church a supply of hymn books, and also a library for the Sunday school. It goes without the saying that the kind offer was highly appreciated.

The address to the Republican voters of the Fourth congressional district, which is being prepared by Messrs. William Flanagan, of Rockingham county, and A. W. Harris, of Dinwiddie county, and A. W. Harris, of Sussex county, the substance of which I telegraphed. The times last night, which will not be finished for two or three days yet. The address is to be distributed all through the district. The chairman of the committee, who is preparing the address, told me to-day that the address would be sent to the Republican national committee.

A game of ball was played this afternoon at Base-Ball Park between the Forest Hill Club, of Manchester, and West Petersburg team. The game was witnessed by a large crowd and resulted in the defeat of the visiting team. The score stood 6 to 2.

The Northern Neck Fair.

Heathsville, Va., Sept. 28.—Special.—The farmers in this section are busy preparing to sow wheat. The weather is beautiful and delightful.

The Northern Neck Agricultural Association, holding its second annual fair here, beginning on Tuesday, October 4th, and continuing for four days. The managers have secured a number of interesting attractions. On the first day there will be a great bicycle race by five of the best amateur bicyclists in Maryland. On the second day Hon. John W. Daniel will deliver an address. On the third day there will be a grand ball and a drop from mid-air by Professor Charles H. Cabrich, of Michigan.

On the fourth and last day the programme calls for a great tournament. There will be fine exhibits of live stock, agricultural products, and specimens of handiwork. There will be a number of fine trotting horses in a very successful race. The grounds are beautiful, with large, convenient buildings, presenting a very handsome appearance.

There is a handsome Methodist Episcopal church being built here, and Mr. E. W. Elcheberger is building a fine residence in the north end of the town.

Wise and Pollard in King William.